company that the information is in fact confidential commercial information and has not been disclosed to the public; and

- (ii) Expire ten years from the date of submission unless otherwise justified.
- (c) Notice to requester. When notice is given to a submitter under this section, the requester shall be notified that notice and opportunity to comment are being provided to the submitter.
- (d) Opportunity of submitter to object. When notification is made pursuant to paragraph (b) of this section, the Commission shall afford the submitter a minimum of five working days to provide it with a detailed statement of objections to disclosure. Such statement shall provide precise identification of the exempted information, and the basis for claiming it as a trade secret or as confidential information pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(4), the disclosure of which is likely to cause substantial harm to the submitter's competitive position.
- (e) Notice of intent to disclose. (1) The Commission shall consider carefully the objections of a submitter provided pursuant to paragraph (d) of this section. When the Commission decides to disclose information despite such objections, it shall provide the submitter with a written statement briefly explaining why the objections were not sustained. Such statement shall be provided a minimum of three working days prior to the specified disclosure date, in order that the submitter may seek a court injunction to prevent release of the records if it so chooses.
- (2) When a submitter is notified pursuant to paragraph (e)(1) of this section, notice of the Commission's final disclosure determination and proposed release date shall also be provided to the requester.
- (f) Notice of lawsuit. Whenever a requester brings suit seeking to compel disclosure of confidential commercial information, the Commission shall promptly notify the submitter of the legal action.
- (g) Exceptions to the notice requirement. The notice requirements of this section shall not apply if:
- (1) The Commission determines that the information shall not be disclosed;

- (2) The information is published or otherwise officially available to the public;
- (3) Disclosure of the information is required by law (other than 5 U.S.C. 552).

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§1610.20 Deletion of exempted matters.

Where requested records contain matters which are exempted under 5 U.S.C. 552(b) but which matters are reasonably segregable from the remainder of the records, they shall be disclosed by the Commission with deletions. To each such record the Commission shall attach a written justification for making deletions. A single such justification shall suffice for deletions made in a group of similar or related records.

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§1610.21 Annual report.

The Legal Counsel shall, on or before March 1, 1975, and annually thereafter, submit a Freedom of Information Act report covering the preceding calendar year to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and President of the Senate. The report shall include those matters required by 5 U.S.C. 552 (d).

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Subpart B—Production in Response to Subpenas or Demands of Courts or Other Authorities

§1610.30 Purpose and scope.

This subpart contains the regulations of the Commission concerning procedures to be followed when a subpena, order, or other demand (hereinafter in this subpart referred to as a "demand") of a court or other authority is issued for the production or disclosure of (a) any material contained in the files of the Commission; (b) any information relating to material contained in the files of the Commission; or (c) any information or material acquired by any